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# INADEQUATE HEALTHCARE

- Inspectors called in following concerns over residents' welfare
- Third home run by Westcliff company given lowest CQC rating

By Michael Cox

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A THIRD care home run by a Westcliff company has been rated "inadequate" in the space of a month.

Care Quality Commission inspectors found that residents at Meyrin House were being woken up by staff in the middle of the night on a visit in July.

They wrote: "Prior to the inspection, we had received concerns that the night staff were waking people up in the early hours of the morning (between 4-5am) as this would help the day staff."

"We carried out an early morning visit and our findings confirmed the concerns we had received."

"We arrived at 4.35am and found that three people were up and dressed in the main lounge with a hot drink in front of them, however, they had all gone back to sleep."

"On reviewing every person's care plans we could not find anyone who had a preference of being up before 6am."

The report into the care home, in Hobblythick Lane, Westcliff, said the inspection was carried out urgently after concerns were raised that service users may have been at risk of abuse.

It added: "Staff did not always demonstrate a caring attitude towards the people they supported and some failed to promote people's dignity or show respect to individuals."



STANDARDS: Improvements are being made to Meyrin House  
Photo by Martin Dalton

"Staff did not have the skills and experience, and they were not deployed effectively to meet the needs of people."

Inspectors found staff had a lack of knowledge around caring for dementia sufferers, and the report said some residents felt there were not enough trained and experienced staff.

The care home manager was unable to demonstrate how the service was being run in the best interests of people living there, and could not show residents were

being given enough to eat or drink.

Inspectors found on the first day of the inspection, on July 3, that staff were not always encouraging residents to have drinks outside of meal times, despite a temperature of 31 degrees.

The report said: "We observed two sets of visiting relatives assisting two people with fluids."

"We spoke to a visiting relative about what we had observed and they informed, 'This is what we have to do, staff are not always around so we are left having to

make sure our relatives have had a drink especially in this hot weather'."

Meyrin House was rated inadequate in four out of five inspection criteria, with the fifth rated as "requires improvement".

The care home is run by Strathmore Care, which manages Fairview House and Whittingham House, which were rated inadequate in October.

Stuart Vive-Kananda, managing director of Strathmore Care, said: "We are greatly disappointed, saddened and concerned by the latest published CQC report for Meyrin House. The findings of the report do not meet the company's standard of care."

"We are absolutely committed to providing the highest quality of care to all our residents and any shortfalls have been immediately actioned."

"Strathmore Care have and will continue to deploy additional resources and investment to Meyrin House to ensure high quality standards of care are achieved and maintained."

He added that "vast improvements" are being made to the care home, which is closed and undergoing refurbishment. It is set to re-open in mid-2018.

Mr Vive-Kananda said the company was working with the CQC and Southend Council to "improve and maintain high quality standards of care for all residents at Meyrin House."

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# Careline service could get £60,000 fund boost

'High dependency' tenants set for reprieve as council enters into funding talks

SOUTH Essex Homes is in talks with Southend Council over covering the costs of an alarm service for the council's sheltered housing tenants.

A cabinet meeting on Tuesday was due to discuss plans to

cease the council's funding of Careline for those residents from the end of next March. The council currently subsidises the service, delivered by South Essex Homes, at a total cost of £60,000 per year. A report, that had

been due to go before the meeting, said the plans would have seen 761 affected tenants in high dependency sheltered housing schemes, where Careline is hard-wired into the property, have to pay the £69.16 yearly charge.

But a council spokesman confirmed there was a South Essex Homes proposal to cover the cost of the council's £60,000 yearly subsidy.

He said: "Since the drafting of the original report, officers

have continued to examine whether there are alternative solutions to withdrawing the subsidy funding for Careline provided to sheltered housing tenants.

"We are currently discussing a proposal with South Essex

Homes that would provide a positive solution, and therefore the original report to cabinet has been withdrawn.

The South Essex Homes proposal would require confirmation from their board to proceed."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Doctor due in court

● A DOCTOR from Leigh has been charged with a number of sexual offences.

Kamran Ali, 38, of Glendale Gardens, was charged on October 27 with seven counts of sexual assault.

The charges relate to alleged offences involving four women between September to November 2016.

He was also charged with one count of making indecent photographs of children and possession of an extreme pornographic image.

Ali is due to appear at Southend Magistrates' Court on December 11.

### Schools consultation begins

● A FORMAL consultation into primary school admissions in Southend has begun.

Southend Council is asking for the public's views on proposed changes to admissions criteria, as well as amendments to some catchment areas within Leigh.

Affected schools include West Leigh, Chalkwell Hall, Leigh North Street and Darlinghurst.

The final recommended model for Leigh catchment areas, emerged through a public engagement exercise earlier this year and discussion at the Admissions Forum.

The council is hosting an open session on November 23 from 6.30pm - 8.30pm in the Civic Centre for people to talk to council representatives for more details.

Further information about the consultation is available at: [www.southend.gov.uk/schoolconsultation](http://www.southend.gov.uk/schoolconsultation).

### Fundraiser fair at Mill

● A CHRISTMAS gift fair is set to take place to raise money for a ward at Southend Hospital.

The event is being held at the Mill, in Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, on November 19.

Among the items on sale will be handicrafts, jewellery, cards and toys.

Father Christmas will be meeting children, who can also be entertained with crafts and games, while refreshments and a raffle will also be on offer.

All proceeds from the day will go to the For Wards Appeal, raising money for the hospital's neonatal unit.

Entrance to the event, between 10.30am and 4pm, is £1.50 for adults.

# Thomas More expansion targets 15 per cent hike in pupil numbers



PLAN: Thomas More development will include new teaching block, tennis courts and music studios

Council due to decide on plan this week

PLANS for a new teaching block at a secondary school in Southend that would create 150 extra places are set to be approved.

The proposals for the two storey building, at St Thomas More High School, include additional classrooms and a fitness suite, as well as a multi use games area and a drama/music studio.

The building would be constructed on the site of three tennis courts, and the fitness suite would be open to the public.

The tennis courts would be replaced by four that are

planned as part of the games area. If the plans are approved, the number of students at the school in years 7-11 would increase by 151, giving the school a total of almost 1,150 students.

Recommending the plans to be granted, case officer Janine Rowley wrote: "The proposed development is acceptable and that will provide an improved education facility and new multi-use games area."

A final decision was due to be made by the council's development control committee on Wednesday.

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SURVEY: Roger Hirst

Police Commissioner Roger Hirst asks whether he can put up taxes to recruit officers into Essex

THE COMMISSIONER of Essex Police has asked residents to tell him whether they would be happy to pay more council tax if it meant he could hire more officers.

Tory politician Roger Hirst has launched a survey, to run until the end of next week, to canvass Essex people's opinions.

Last year the council tax for policing was increased by 3.25 per cent – amounting to £4.95 per year

extra for a Band D property, making a total of £157.05. Mr Hirst claimed this allowed him to hire 41 new officers and 15 new police control staff.

He said the money was also invested in new technology allowing officers to cut down time spent on paperwork and spend more time on the beat. Despite the increase, Essex Police still receives the lowest funding per resident of any

police force in the UK.

Mr Hirst said: "At every public meeting I attend, I hear that residents want more police on the streets – and whilst both Essex Police and I are doing everything we can to make that happen, we don't have the money or resources to deliver it in the best way that we want to. The demand on the police service is rising. New crime types are emerging and existing crime is

rising in its complexity. This is against a backdrop of unprecedented shift in the national security environment.

"My question to the public is this: Do they want to pay for those extra resources?"

Residents can respond to the survey online, by visiting: <http://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/policeprecept>. It will close on Sunday, November 19.

## Mystery over police officer dismissal in misconduct statement

AN ESSEX Police officer has been sacked, but a statement announcing his dismissal failed to explain what he had done wrong.

The force said PC Michael Rogers had been fired because 'his behaviour towards an Essex Police employee amounted to misconduct' - but did not say what that behaviour was.

Essex Police said PC Rogers was fired because he was already subject to a final written warning for another unrelated matter - but didn't say what that was for either.

Chief Superintendent Sean O'Callaghan said: "PC Rogers' conduct fell well below the standard of behaviour expected from our officers.

"The officer behaved in a manner, both on duty and off duty, which discredits the police service, undermines public confidence and does not reflect the moral and ethical standards of Essex Police."

# Hotel redevelopment in grand leap forward

More than 500 people sign petition supporting plan for 18 flats

A DERELICT Leigh hotel could finally be set for redevelopment after plans were recommended for approval.

Proposals to convert the Grand Hotel into 18 flats, restaurants, and a basement wine bar and health club were given the thumbs up by Southend Council planning officers.

The amended proposal, submitted by 460 Leisure Ltd, came after

a similar application had been turned down by councillors in July.

That had been rejected after concerns from planning officers that a fourth floor penthouse roof extension and an enlarged mansard roof "would have a detrimental impact on and be significantly harmful to the character and appearance of the locally listed building and the Leigh Cliff

Conservation Area more widely".

In the revised plans, the penthouse has been removed completely while the pitch of the mansard roof has been reduced from 65 to 55 degrees. A communal terrace would now replace the penthouse, which planning officer Abbie Greenwood wrote was "a much more appropriate solution for the roof of this

historic building".

A second reason for refusing the original application was a failure of the applicant to secure finance for education provision.

This has now been addressed by the applicant undertaking the section 106 agreement to cover this, with funding of more than £9,600 in light of the impact on Belfairs Academy.

Concluding the

report, Ms Greenwood wrote the latest plan "will bring this important historic building back into use".

A petition signed by more than 500 people had been submitted in favour of the plans, though 41 objections were made as part of a consultation into the plans. A decision on the proposal was due to be made by councillors on Wednesday.



DERELICT: The Grand Hotel

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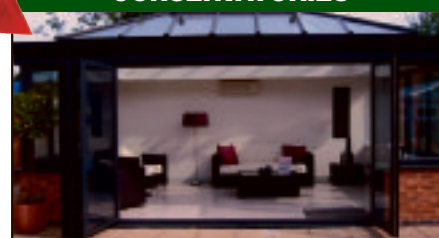
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However, for children in hospital awaiting a procedure or recovering from illness, spending the holiday on a ward can be a lonely time.

Not only are they feeling left out of the fun and festivities, they are also away from familiar faces and the comforts of home.

In the run-up to Christmas, the *Yellow Advertiser* will be collecting toys and gifts for children who will unfortunately be spending the holiday period in hospital.

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## Survey reveals aspirin benefit for pregnant mothers and babies

SOUTHEND Hospital has played a leading role in a world-wide study into reducing the chance of pregnant women suffering from pre-eclampsia.

The study was into the effectiveness of aspirin in lowering the likelihood of the condition, which occurs in nearly one in 10 pregnancies in the UK and can

lead to significant harm to mothers and babies. A hospital spokesman said there is no treatment for pre-eclampsia and the aim is to manage blood pressure and deliver babies at the right time.

Results of the study, revealed a daily 150milligram aspirin dose reduces the risk of pre-

eclampsia by 82 per cent in babies born before 34 weeks. Southend Hospital was one of the few centres to participate.

Mandeep Singh, fetal maternal medicine consultant, said almost 91 per cent of the pregnancy population in Southend took part, higher than any centre across the world."



SURVEY: Mandeep Singh

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IT'S that time of year again.

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Book tokens are up for grabs in the adult and children's cate-

gories. The top three stories will be published in our first edition of January 2017.

As ghouls have moved into the 21st century, along with the rest of us, judges can only accept stories via email.

The competition is open to schools, so we would like to encourage English depart-

ments to take up the challenge to grab the coveted first place for their own literary protégés.

The junior section is open to youngsters aged 16 and under.

Entries should be no more than 350 words and emailed to [letters@yellowad.co.uk](mailto:letters@yellowad.co.uk).

The closing date is Sunday, December 10.

## Stage school students set to storm Palace in award-winning show



**SELECTED:** Oscar Degirolamo, Scarlett Cecil, Charlie Wright and Albert Waldron

STUDENTS from a stage school in Leigh are appearing in a musical at the Palace Theatre.

Producers of *Gypsy*, which is being performed from November 8 to 11 at the venue, in Westcliff, cast six

students from Singer Stage School in child roles.

Scarlett Cecil plays the role of June, while Charlie Wright, Albert Waldron, Oscar Degirolamo, Hari Aggarwal and Toby Lambert were selected to play family members.

Sandra Singer said: "It's a wonderful achievement for the six of my students who were selected."

"*Gypsy* is an amazing award-winning show and we are very pleased to be working with the producers on *Gypsy*."

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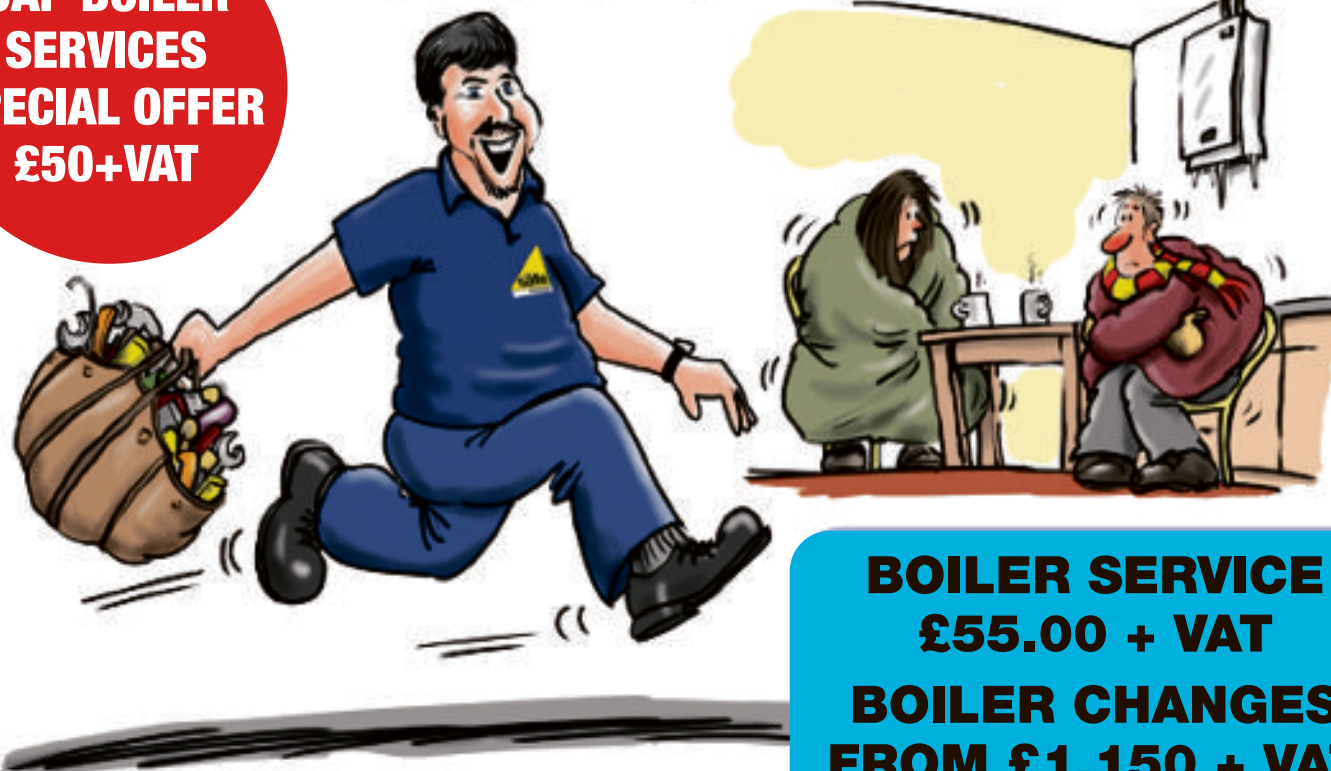
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**HONOURS:** Higher National Diploma performing arts graduates Katie Cross, Chloe Neighbour and Megan McGarva. Top right, Warren Ellis and Helen Pillai

# Students graduate better by degrees

HIGHER education students at South Essex College celebrated their degree achievements at a graduation ceremony held at the Cliffs Pavilion in Southend.

Graphic novelist Warren Ellis, from Southend, collected an honorary degree from the University of Essex, the body which accredited this year's South Essex College degree programmes.

Warren's graphic novels have formed the basis of films such as RED and Iron Man 3.

Warren gave a speech and told the graduates: "Today is the beginning, you'll surprise yourself. 'Don't quit, keep fighting, stand up for what's right. It all starts tonight and now it's time to get started.'"

The subjects students graduated with degrees in included graphic design, sport studies, and television production and screen media.

Helen Pillai, 30, from Southend, is deaf and graduated with a first class BA (Hons) interior design degree.

She said: "You are a person first before your disability."

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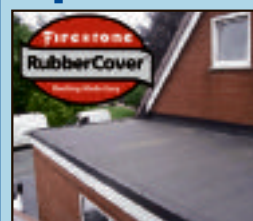


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## Where next for Brexit double act?

KEITH Little's prediction – based on his lifelong negotiating skills he claims – that we'll get an excellent Brexit deal that will make us better off than we are now, so long as we stick to the "No Deal is better than a Bad Deal" stance and be prepared to leave without one, requires more than just a little scrutiny, I'll be bound, (*YA Letters*, Oct 27).

For, surely, if you walk away from a deal you walk back to the status quo, not threaten to take an unprepared leap into the unknown – a threat that is ever more meaningless as it becomes increasingly clear that neither parliament nor people is willing to accept such risks to the economic wellbeing of this nation and more.

Now, I don't know where Mr Little practised his negotiating skills throughout his working life, or on whom, but I suspect the national level is way above any pay grade he may have aspired to and the missus notwithstanding.

But no matter. No matter because his old oppo in conjoined accusatory attack this week that I – by agitating for an exit from Brexit that is quite honourably attainable – am failing to support the nation and am therefore (unpatriotically is the inference) unforgivably

putting it down, is even more ridiculous. (Keith Knight, same issue *YA*).

For this implies that half of the nation opposed to Brexit must now "patriotically" knuckle under and start supporting that which they believe to be the biggest betrayal of sensible, pragmatic politics over right-wing media whipped-up emotion ever to have divided this land.

It ain't gonna happen, lads. How could it when this is patently unfinished business (as Nigel Farage himself emphatically stated on the eve of the referendum) owing to such a division that threatens even the break-up of the UK to boot?

I wait with bated breath to see where Keiths Little and Knight take us next week with their incorrigible epistolary Brexit double act.

What are they like?  
**John Haran**  
*Leigh-on-Sea*

## Overseas aid linked to birth control vow

THE UK spent \$19billion on overseas aid compared to Germany (the richest country in the EU) who paid \$16bn, and France \$10bn.

We also paid almost \$12.4bn net to the EU just to be a member.

Add these two payments together and you get \$31.4bn given away to benefit other countries, which could be

used to improve medical care in the NHS, remove poverty in the UK, and for other failing services such as education and emergency services.

As everyone else I hate the idea that children are starving in other counties, but we also have children in poverty and how much of the overseas aid reaches these children anyway?

With more than 30 charity bosses earning in excess of £200,000 each year it makes you wonder why we call them charities when they are really big business.

I would like to see a breakdown of where the overseas aid and charity funds actually go and I don't just mean which country, but how much is raked in of wages and expenses before any money reaches its target.

Seeing advertisements of starving children would upset every caring person, but we need to look beyond these graphic pictures and wonder how parents of seven or more can ask why they are not getting enough help from other countries.

The solution to me is simple and I would be happier to support aid if those that receive it were agreeable to entering a program of birth control.

No one wants to see children starving and I am sure that no one wants to bring children into this world just to starve and suffer.

Without some form of birth control the problem will never go away and our over-

seas aid budget will go up, taking money out of the UK which we can ill afford.

In short, we must pay no more into the EU club and only provide overseas aid if some sort of birth control is guaranteed.

**Keith Little**  
*Benfleet*

## How to protect our bridges

HAVING read this week's *YA*, there is a better way to protect our old and aging bridges by simply hanging DayGlo streamers from the bridge. This would make the driver think twice.

Transport owners should also check their drivers' routes prior to leaving the depot. Bridge owners should display more effective signs before each bridge, perhaps with warning lights etc.

A sign could read like this: "HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR HEIGHT?"

In the construction industry we put up goalposts with suspended tape before bridges and electric overhead cables.

Past bridge strikes have

been the Southend-on-Sea Pier bridge and the footbridge over the A127 at Progress Road, this was pulled off its supports completely.

**Ron Lyall**  
*Leigh-on-sea*

## Time to let 16-year-olds have a vote

I MEET all sorts of people in my role as councillor and political activist.

These include those who have no interest in voting, those that always vote one way or another because this is all they have known, and those that cannot be bothered.

Are these people any more entitled to have a say in how our country is run than 16 and 17-year-olds?

What of those with Alzheimer's, dementia, or who have learning difficulties?

These people have the vote. What about those who confess to not understanding politics?

There is no question of challenging their right to vote.

I am not looking to see the vote taken away from anyone. I want to see suffrage extended to those of 16 years of age.

There are some who are resistant to votes at 16, some who make the argument that 16-year-olds lack maturity and understanding.

Perhaps some do, but then this equally applies to those currently eligible.

At 16 one can do a number of things considered adult, such as work and marry.

Adding the ability to vote only seems fair against this backdrop.

The Scottish independence referendum three years back saw 16-year-olds have a say and this was a success.

Not all 16-year-olds will want to vote, but those that do should be allowed.

There is an ongoing debate on this issue and I hope that we shall see the suffrage extended.

I also hope for other changes to improve our democracy, and perhaps these can wait for another day.

Votes at 16 should not have to wait. Our democracy can and must be improved.

**Cllr Julian Ware-Lane**  
*Westcliff-on-Sea*

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by Martin Dalton

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Day two saw us waking in Amsterdam where we headed ashore into the city of canals and bicycles.

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Lunch was arranged for us on a canal boat followed by a visit to The Amsterdam Hermitage museum where we viewed some fabulous paintings from the Dutch Masters Collection.

Day three and we arrived in the Belgium city of Antwerp. A short walk from the ship takes you into the city centre with its cobbled streets and

pretty squares.

No visit to Belgium would be complete without a trip to a brewery and we took a tram to the De Koninck Brewery and beer tasting rooms.

We staggered back to the ship for an afternoon nap followed by another brilliant five-course dinner.

Magellan was mainly at sea for day four as we headed towards the French city of Rouen, sailing along the River Seine.

On the journey we passed pretty villages, churches and abbeys that, from Magellan's high deck, looked like models in a miniature village.

We had never visited Normandy before and found we were in for a photographer's treat in the medieval streets of Rouen. We explored the streets and buildings dating back to time of Joan of Arc.

We had a meal ashore in France's oldest inn – La Couronne – which dates back to 1345.

Our final port of call was the small town of Honfleur where I had more time to use my camera to capture images of this historic town where my lens focused on the slate-covered houses and timber-framed buildings and France's largest wooden church, built by sailors returning from sea.

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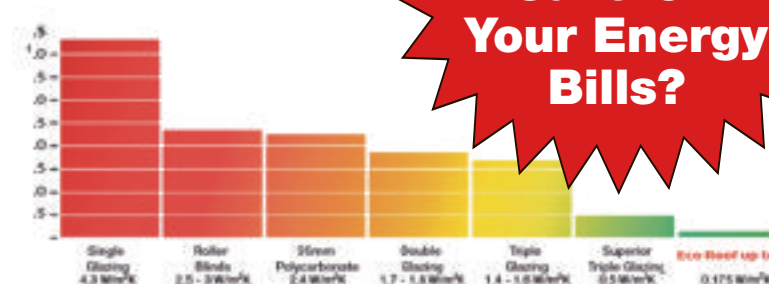
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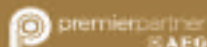
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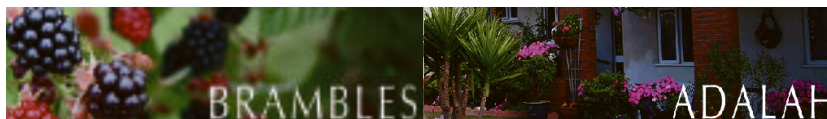
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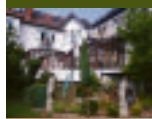


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# LIFESTYLE

## LEE TO DELIVER AS STAR OF PANTO

By Liz Wade

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It seems the world is your oyster after delivering the *Yellow Advertiser* to homes in the area, if Lee Mead is anything to go by.

While technically it wasn't his paper round but a friend's, he did help out and he was in fits of giggles at the beginning of our interview as soon as he heard I was from the YA.

While I did suggest sending him back out on the streets delivering your favourite local paper, I believe he is too busy juggling the roles of Lofty in *Holby City* and landing the role of Jack in this year's pantomime at the Cliffs Pavilion.

The television and theatre favourite is preparing to take on the giant of a panto alongside Stacey Solomon, Bobby Davro and Robin Askwith, from December 16 to January 7.

This year's production promises larger-than-life special effects including a spectacular 3D sequence that will transport audiences to the Giant's magical kingdom.

Lee, who was born and raised in Southend, and still lives there, is looking forward to the chance to walk to work, being home for Christmas and spending more time with his daughter, Betsy.

He said: "I can't wait for the panto. I've been going to the Cliffs since I was a kid and I have always wanted to be in its pantomime. It was one of the things on my tick list. I only live 10 minutes from the theatre, on the seafront, so I can just walk to work. "I love the arches on the seafront and taking Betsy for a Rossi."

Lee shot to fame after winning the BBC

series, Any Dream Will

Do, to take the role of

Joseph in the West End in 2007. Booking was so fast that its producers extended the musical's run and he stayed until January 2009.

Lee's download release of Any Dream Will Do and Close Every Door in 2007 entered the UK Singles Download Chart five days later and peaked at number two.

"It has been 10 years since Joseph," he said. "I've done a lot. I remember saying it wasn't about having a quick selling show and that was it. I wanted 20 years."

While Lee knows Bobby well a panto launch at Cliffs Pavilion in October gave him the chance to meet the rest of the cast properly.

"She's lovely, Stacey," Lee said. "We bumped into each other at an NTA awards a couple of years ago. She is such a laugh. I've known Bobby for five/six years and we have been in two or three pantos together. It's a nice line-up and Gary Lloyd, who directed *Thriller* in the West End, is directing. I can't believe I'm playing Jack!"

"We start rehearsing on December 4 and then nine or 10 days later we open. We will be spending 10 hours a day rehearsing."

While he has

become much-loved charac-

ter, Lofty, a role that was written for him, in *Casualty*, and a character that has now crossed over to *Holby City*, Lee says that his first love is always theatre when it comes to comparing life in front of the camera to treading the boards.

"It is so different but I have always loved theatre," he said.

"*Holby City* is watched by

five million people a week, it would take several years of theatre to achieve the same audience.

"It is a different dimension, but there is nothing like having a live audience."

As he will be performing in his home town, plenty of friends and family will be heading to the Cliffs to see Jack and the Beanstalk this year.

Lee said: "Mum and dad and my brother and his wife will probably be coming to see it."

ALRIGHT JACK: Lee Mead  
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## Lee Mead in Southend

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Members of Equal People, which is part of the Mushroom Theatre Company, based in Rayleigh, will also be there. Lee is a patron of Equal People, a charity created by long-time friend, Penni Bubb, who Lee has known since he was 15.

"Fifty of them have booked up to see it," Lee added. "Penni is an amazing woman and her whole life has been dedicated to the charity. The kids love her so much. She gives them the chance to socialise and perform."

Once the panto finishes in January, there will be not much of a chance to relax for Lee as there is plenty planned for 2018.

"I've got three days off and then it's back to Holby City as I have signed for another year," he said. "They are a great team of people there. They film it at Elstree so I get to go home every night and get weekends off."

Lee, who released his first album Lee Mead in 2007 and his second, Nothing Else Matters, in 2009, will also be reprising the role of Joseph during a special anniversary tour.

"I've got a 10-year anniversary tour next year and I'll be at Palace Theatre on November 25, 2018. It has been 10 years since Joseph so I will be able to put the coloured coat on once again."

■ For further details and tickets to see Jack and the Beanstalk at Cliffs Pavilion from December 16 to January 7, as well as information and tickets to see Lee Mead in Ten Years – The Anniversary Tour at Palace Theatre on Sunday November 25, 2018, visit [southendtheatres.org.uk](http://southendtheatres.org.uk) call the box office on 01702 351135.

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**PADDINGTON 2 (PG, 103 mins)**

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So sayeth director Paul King's unabashedly sweet, wholesome and crowd-pleasing sequel that replicates the irresistible charm of the 2014 film.

Paddington 2 is a lip-smacking, tear-jerking delight for audiences of all ages, which promotes compassion and understanding as the foundations of a truly great Britain.

It's a resolutely old-fashioned message of hope and community spirit, and a nimble script co-written by Simon Farnaby never deviates from trumpeting the central character's unerring optimism in an era of paranoia and selfish desires.

The pantomime villain this time is a scheming theatrical ham, played

to the comic hilt by Hugh Grant, who dons a wimple and knight's armour to steal hidden treasure that should have been claimed by an ancestor.

The actor mercilessly pokes fun at himself – note the floppy-haired portrait from glory days in *Four Weddings And A Funeral* on the antagonist's mantelpiece.

Paddington (voiced by Ben Whishaw) is happily installed in the attic of 32 Windsor Gardens, family home of insurance assessor Henry Brown (Hugh Bonneville), his free-spirited wife Mary (Sally Hawkins) and their children, Judy (Madeleine Harris) and Jonathan (Samuel Joslin).

During a visit to antiques dealer Mr Gruber (Jim Broadbent), Paddington unearths an old "popping book" of London, which would make the perfect present for Aunt Lucy (Imelda Staunton).

Alas, the rare one-of-a-kind tome is expensive.

Unperturbed, Paddington cleans windows for neighbours and wields a broom in a barber shop to meet the price tag.

Fading actor Phoenix Buchanan (Grant) steals the rare edition and Paddington is wrongly sentenced to 10 years for "grand theft and grievous barberly harm."

Behind bars, Paddington meets jailbird brute Knuckles McGinty (Brendan Gleeson), who "don't do nothing for no one for nothing"

The bear's innate goodness weakens Knuckles' resolve and they collaborate in the prison canteen to serve homemade confections to inmates.

Meanwhile, the Browns vow to clear Paddington's name and Mary identifies Phoenix.

"Actors are some of the most evil, devious people on the planet,"

agrees housekeeper Mrs Bird (Julie Walters). "They lie for a living!"

Paddington 2 is a delightfully entertaining romp, distinguished by glorious set pieces including a wonderful fantasy sequence inside the pages of the antique pop-up book.

Colourful production design is almost as vivid as the performances including a roguish turn from Gleeson and physical pratfalls aplenty courtesy of Bonneville.

Once again, Whishaw's warm, soothing vocal performance tugs our heartstrings, adhering to the sage words of Aunt Lucy: "If you're kind and polite, everything will come right."

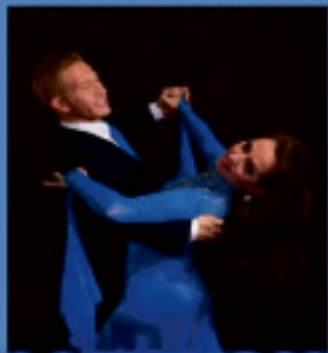
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 ■ Development Healing Circle – Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, 07879 004744.  
 ■ Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea,

7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.

■ Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.  
 ■ Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild – Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.  
 ■ IT help sessions – Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.  
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### Tuesday, November 14

■ Painting class – The Studio, Glebelands Nursery, Hawkwell, Hockley, SS5 4JY. 10.30am-12.30pm. Details 01702 30717.  
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 ■ Social Dance – 1.45pm. St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin. 01702 618771.  
 ■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.  
 ■ Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm. 01702 715111.  
 ■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.  
 ■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.  
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 ■ Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm. Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.  
 ■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, Basildon, SS14 2TJ, 9.30am-2pm.  
 ■ Walking netball sessions – Civic Hall, Grays, 9-10am. £2 per session.  
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Spaghetti Junction has deals from Monday to Friday evenings when diners can enjoy the Pizza and Pasta Menu with a choice of starters and pasta or pizza for £10.95, while the Duo Menu is a main course and dessert also for £10.95. "Buy one, get one half price" deals are available on these menus on Monday evenings.

A three-course set menu is from Monday to Friday evenings for £16.95, while on Saturday evenings there is a three-course

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The a La Carte menu is served from Monday to Saturday evenings and the restaurant has gluten-free options.

Spaghetti Junction is the ideal setting for parties of up to 30 and is available for private functions. The restaurant, at 767 London Road, Westcliff (opposite Chalkwell Park), has a takeaway menu and is open from Monday to Saturday from 6pm until late.

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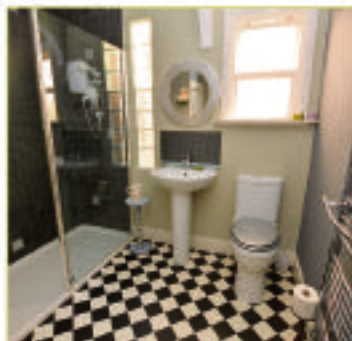
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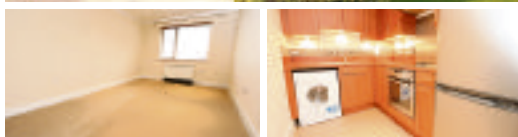
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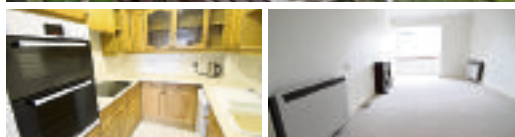


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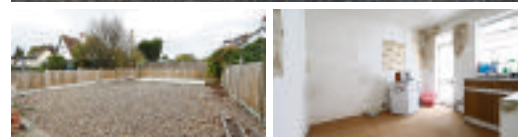


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**HADLEIGH £400,000**

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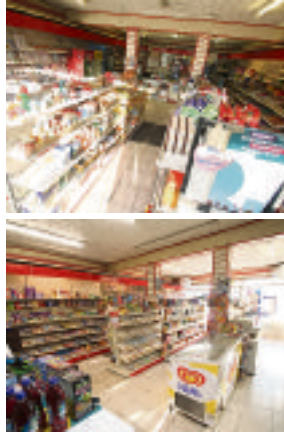
Well Presented Three Bedroom Detached Family Home Situated In This Desirable Yet Convenient Location \ Lounge 15'10 x 12'10 \ Kitchen/Dining Room 17'6 x 12'11 \ Ground Floor W.C \ Bedroom One 14'6 x 9'3 \ Bedroom Two 13'7 x 9'3 \ Bedroom Three 10'1 x 6'6 \ Bathroom \ Garage 17'8 x 8'10 \ Off Street Parking \ 30ft Rear Garden \ Central Heating \ Good Size Plot \ Within Easy Access Of A127 & A13 Trunk Roads \ Easy Access Of Thundersley Village And Thundersley Common \ Close To Local Amenities \ Popular Location \ Sole Agents \ Viewings Advised \ EPC - D \ **Call 01702 555888 or live chat at amosestates.com**

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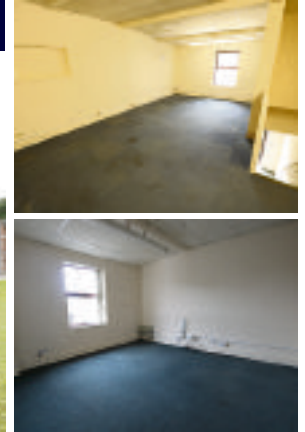


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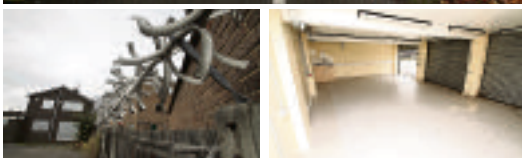
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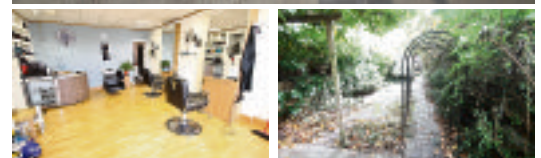
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TO LET



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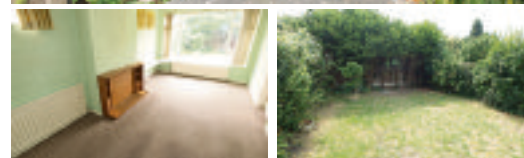
A Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow Within A Sought After Hadleigh Location / Lounge 14'1 x 12'7 / Fitted Modern Kitchen / Three Piece Bathroom Suite / Bedroom One 14'3 x 11'1 / Bedroom Two 11'1 x 10'0 / Garage / Off Street Parking / Rear Garden / EPC Band E / Available Immediately / Fees Apply /

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TO LET



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## Downhall Road, Rayleigh

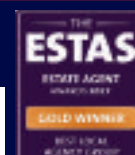


This outstanding detached character property retains many of its original features and is located within walking distance of Rayleigh station, local amenities and bus routes. The property offers two reception rooms; luxury fitted kitchen; ground floor cloakroom/utility and an un-overlooked rear garden measuring approx. 175'. Our ref: 12142

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A FOUR BEDROOM detached family residence positioned within one of Rayleigh's MOST SOUGHT after locations.

The property offers GOOD SIZE family living to include a 22' LOUNGE and SEPERATE DINING ROOM, overlooking the mature garden. master bedroom having DRESSING AREA and ENSUITE BATHROOM, front and rear gardens, DRIVEWAY leading to DOUBLE WIDTH garage. Popular Edward Francis and Fitzwimarc School catchment area.



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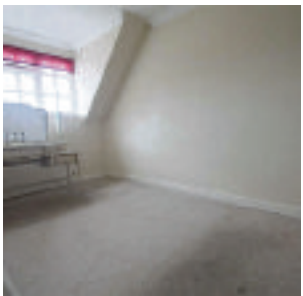
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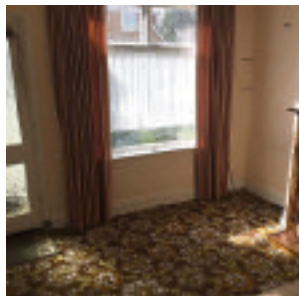
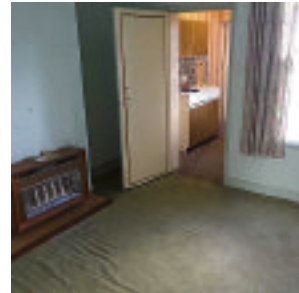
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- Two double bedrooms
- Established rear garden
- No onward chain

## Southend On Sea £650 pcm



- Immaculate apartment in central location
- Good size open plan lounge/kitchen
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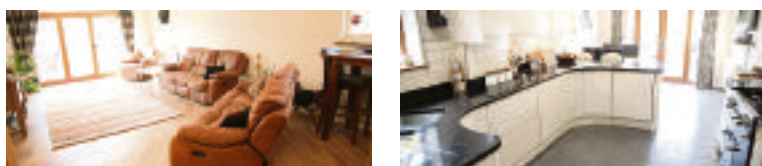






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- Immaculate Throughout



## LEIGH-ON-SEA £375,000

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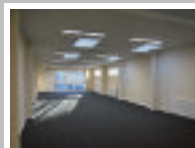
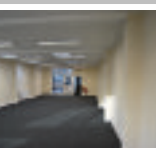
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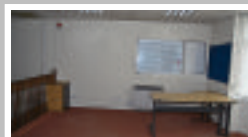
The premises are located on the East side of Nelson Street, Southend and within the popular Cambridge Conservation area. They comprise well presented self contained first and second floor offices with parking for 2 cars to the rear of the building.



Hartington Road, Southend-on-Sea

**FREEHOLD - £320,000**

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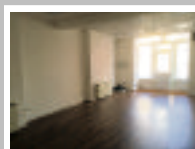
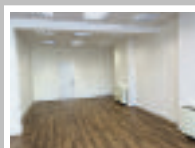
Royce House, Westcliff-on-Sea

**RENT - £4,500 PAX**

The premises comprise of 2 office's within Royce House. Which is a multi tenanted building fronting London Road and opposite Westcliff Library. The suite is carpeted and has electric storage heating as well as one allocated parking space. Shared ladies and gents w.c.'s to the ground floor. New lease.



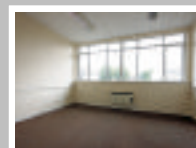
Weston Chambers, Southend-on-Sea

**RENT - £6,250 PAX**

The premises comprise a recently refurbished ground floor office fronting Weston Chambers. The office has its' own front door directly off Weston Road. The suite was refurbished about 6 months ago and has new electric heating, a wood effect floor, category II style lighting and a newly replaced internal w.c.



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## Classy Cortina's enduring allure

By Ian Johnson

ANYONE who was driving in the 1970s and 1980s has to have a soft spot for the Ford Cortina.

It has already been hailed as Ford's masterpiece of all time, arriving at a time when Britain wanted a classy but affordable and roomy saloon. And Ford delivered massively.

It became a bestseller overnight and from its early days in the 1960s to its retirement in the 1980s it was king of family cars.

Many love and admire the early Cortinas, but my firm favourite was the very last, the Mark V.

The Mark V was announced on August 24, 1979 and was an upgraded Mark IV with revised headlights with larger turn indicators.

There was a wider slatted grille said to be more aerodynamically efficient, a flattened roof, larger glass area, slimmer rear pillars with revised vent covers, larger slatted tail lights on saloons and upgraded trim.

It was all about bringing the Cortina into line with Ford's then current design language.

It was still well priced because



CLASSIC: Author and comedian Alexei Sayle celebrates the Cortina's 50th anniversary on the BBC One Show in 2012

you could get a basic 1.3-litre for £3,475. But out of all of them my absolute favourite Cortina to drive was the £5,989 V6 featuring a 2,293cc with 116bhp on tap.

This was a real ton-up Cortina

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Cleverly Ford saw the potential of this car as a true pocket-premium executive express and no base versions were offered in this country.

There was only the GL or top

end Ghia option to choose from.

I remember the V6 as a smooth car, with plenty of torque and advanced handling properties. When it was coming to the end of its days, I had to ask why?

There were years left in this model, which in my view totally eclipsed its successor, the jelly-mould shaped Sierra.

The final production model was the Crusader special edition. It was available as a 1.3-litre, 1.6-litre, and 2.0-litre saloons or 1.6-litre and 2.0-litre estates.

The Crusader was a final run-out model in 1982.

Up to and including 1981, the Cortina was the top selling car in Britain. Even during its final production year, 1982, it was Britain's second best selling car and most popular large family car.

There was a mystique about the Cortina fuelled by comedian Alexei Sayle who was a devoted fan and leapt to fame with his Top Twenty hit, Ullo John! Gotta a New Motor? in 1984.

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### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

(CLIFFS PAVILION AREA) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND PERMIT PARKING PLACES) (ZONE CP) ORDER 2016 (AS AMENDED) (AMENDMENT NO. 3) ORDER 2017  
 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Notice is hereby given that Southend-on-Sea Borough Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 36, 47, 49, 53 and 124 (and part IV of Schedule 9) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance to Part III of Schedule 9 to the act of 1984 as amended by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

The general effect of the Order would be to facilitate the improvement of parking for residents.

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- Remove the unrestricted parking bays in Milton Place.

The following Map Tiles Nos. U16, U17, V16 & V17 will be updated.

A copy of the proposed Order, a map showing the roads to which the Order relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected at the Contact Centre on the ground floor of the Civic Centre (address below) during normal office hours and on the Council's website at <http://www.southendtraffweb.co.uk/consult/main.html>

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## Slav's fate sealed after Hammers battered by Reds BILIC SACKED!

### Football

**West Ham United 1-4 Liverpool**  
Brian Jeeves reporting from the London Stadium

SLAVEN Bilic was sacked by West Ham on Monday after his side were thrashed 4-1 by Liverpool on Saturday.

Former Everton, Manchester United and Sunderland boss David Moyes, was quickly installed as his successor on Tuesday.

It had been reported that Bilic had been given two games to save his job, and after the Hammers threw away a seemingly unassailable two-goal advantage at Crystal Palace, a week ago, speculation surrounding his role was rife in the nation's media.

Bilic wasn't aided by the news that no less than five senior players were missing. James Collins, Jose Fonte, Michail Antonio and Sam Byram were all unavailable due to injury, while combative Argentine defender Pablo Zabaleta was serving a one-match ban after picking up five cautions.

Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp had his own injury issues to deal with.

Philippe Coutinho, Georginio Wijnaldum, Nathaniel Clyne and Adam Lallana all sat out the clash. However, Sadio Mane returned to the starting 11 after the Senegalese attacker resumed full training earlier this week.

It was almost a lightning start from the Reds as Joe Hart reacted swiftly to deny Roberto Firmino from close range after Mohamed Salah had picked him out.

Meanwhile, Andre Ayew was agonisingly close for the home side as his angled effort came back off the outside of an upright



**GONE:** Slaven Bilic's sacking was announced on Monday  
Photo by Jason Mitchell

following Manuel Lanzini's pinpoint pass.

But just after the 20-minute mark, Liverpool grabbed the lead.

Lanzini's corner was cleared as far as Mane, who carried the ball the length of the field, before playing in Salah to slip the ball beyond the advancing Hart.

And within minutes it was two. Joel Matip was on hand to fire home after Hart had kept out a deflection off Mark Noble following Salah's flag-kick from the left.

Shortly before the break, Winston Reid's timely interception thwarted Salah as the Egyptian looked set to add to his and the Reds tally, while Lanzini was wayward as the host's desperately looked for a foothold in the match. Nevertheless, West Ham left the field to a chorus of boos.

In a bid to salvage something from the contest, Bilic threw on Andy Carroll in place of Edimilson Fernandes at the start of the second period. And within

10 minutes they gave themselves a lifeline. Lanzini fired an angled strike past Liverpool keeper Simon Mignolet following Ayew's deflected cross.

But the joy was short-lived. Former Arsenal man Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain lashed home Liverpool's third after Hart blocked his initial attempt.

Lanzini was too high, while Hernandez headed over as West Ham again looked to claw their way back, again.

But Firmino should have made the game safe for Liverpool, sending his right-footed strike wide with just Hart to beat after showing Angelo Ogbonna a clean pair of heels.

But with a quarter of an hour remaining, Mane picked out Salah, who sent a crisp low drive beyond Hart for Liverpool's fourth of the afternoon.

Hart produced a smart save low to his right to deny Salah a hat-trick, while substitute James Milner was a whisker away fol-

lowing a swift break from deep.

However, the vast majority of the 56,961 crowd had already seen enough.

After the game a dejected Bilic said: "There is no excuse to concede some of the goals, a goal from your corner kick."

"Then, the second goal you can call lapse of concentration or unluckiness but, at this level, no."

Bilic recognised that the side are in a precarious position, adding: "It's a very difficult situation. It's not the effort, we can't talk about lack of effort today. The first goal is a counter-attack and the ball dropped kindly."

Delighted Liverpool manager Klopp said: "We had a few very difficult things to decide since yesterday. Bringing Sadio Mane in from the beginning after his injury, after one session and then yesterday the second session with the team, I never did it before, to be honest. Obviously, it wasn't the worst idea I've ever had."

West Ham return to action on Sunday, November 19 when they travel to Vicarage Road to face Watford (4pm).

**West Ham United:** Joe Hart, Winston Reid, Aaron Cresswell, Cheikhou Kouyate, Manuel Lanzini, Pedro Obiang, Mark Noble (capt) (Marko Arnautovic 61'), Javier Hernandez (Diafra Sakho 72'), Andre Ayew, Angelo Ogbonna, Edimilson Fernandes (Andy Carroll 46') Subs not used: Adrian, Sead Haksabanovic, Arthur Masuaku, Declan Rice.

**Liverpool:** Simon Mignolet, Georginio Wijnaldum, Roberto Firmino (Dominic Solanke 86'), Mohamed Salah, Joseph Gomez, Ragnar Klavan, Alberto Moreno, Sadio Mane (James Milner 77'), Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Dejan Lovren 86'), Emre Can, Joel Matip Subs not used: Loris Karius, Daniel Sturridge, Marko Grujic, Trent Alexander-Arnold

**Referee:** Neil Swarbrick  
**Assistants:** Stephen Child, Eddie Smart  
**Fourth Official:** Craig Pawson  
**Attendance:** 56,961

### Non-league round-up

## Weekend of FA Cup calamities

By Brian Jeeves

BILLERICAY Town remain the region's only non-league club flying the flag in this season's Emirates FA Cup after forcing a replay following a 1-1 draw at fellow Bostik Premier club Leatherhead.

Jack Midson gave the home side a first-half lead. However, Billy Bricknell's penalty mid-way through the second period ensure Town get another bite of the cherry when the sides replay at the AGP Arena a week on Tuesday.

But it proved to be a tough weekend for other local sides competing in the world's oldest cup competition. Leyton Orient slipped to a 2-1 defeat at Sky Bet League One side Gillingham. Josh Parker and Tom Eaves gave the Gills a two-goal advantage before James Dayton pulled one back for the O's 12 minutes from time.

Chelmsford City's cup dream ended as hosts Gateshead won 2-0 at the International Stadium; Jordan Burrow and Danny Johnson scoring first-half goals for the home side. Meanwhile, Samuel Bantick scored a consolation for Heybridge Swifts as their cup adventure ended at Sky Bet League Two high-flyers Exeter City.

Darnell Wynter, Karl Oliyide and Marcel Barrington found the net as Braintree Town were 3-0 National South winners over Bognor Regis Town at Cressing Road, while Steve Cawley's penalty ensured Concord Rangers a share of the spoils with Gloucester City at the Aspect Arena.

East Thurrock United slipped to a 4-3 home defeat at the hands of Weston-Super-Mare. Sam Higgins scored twice for the Rocks, while Lee Burns was also on target. Billy Hunt, Aaron Condon and Jake Turner found the net as Brightlingsea Regent were 3-1 Bostik Premier Division winners over Harlow Town. Earlier, Junior Dadson had given Harlow the lead at North Road.

It was a disappointing afternoon for Thurrock, who went down to a Reise Allassan goal for Dulwich Hamlet at Ship Lane just before the break.

In the Bostik North Division, Maldon & Tiptree were 3-1 winners over Aveley. Junior Ogedi-Uzokwe, Johnville Renee and Kieran Bailey scored for the Jammers, George Doyle with a late goal for the Millers. Correy Davidson's stoppage-time goal was enough for Witham Town to take all three points at AFC Hornchurch.

Adeyinka Cole's brace gave Grays Athletic a 2-0 first-half lead against Cheshunt. But the visitors roared back after the break to grab a point, thanks to two Jason Hallett goals.

David Knight's first-half strike for Bowers & Pitsea was cancelled out by a late Sam Roach effort for Mildenhall Town, and there was another 1-1 draw at Norwich United, were Barking took a point thanks to Jay Knight's second-half strike.

Canvey Island missed the opportunity to go top of the table after slipping to a 1-0 defeat at Hertford Town, and there were 2-1 defeats for Brentwood Town, at home to Bury Town, and Romford, at Potters Bar Town.

Takeley were the big winners of the day in the Essex Senior League, hitting seven past Barkingside. Basildon United continued their own title challenge with a 5-1 win over Sporting Bengal United at the Stuart Bingham Stadium and it was the same outcome as Enfield 1893 took the points against Woodford Town (2017).

Ilford beat Waltham Forest 3-1 at the Cricklefield Stadium and there was home successes for FC Romania, 2-1 over Southend Manor. Great Wakering Rovers were 3-1 winners on the road at West Essex.

Selected action in the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League saw Catholic United win their Premier Division clash at Basildon Town 4-0, and Manford Way were 3-1 winners at Rayleigh Town.

In Division One, Old Southendian won 3-1 at Harold Hill, while Buckhurst Hill went one better, seeing off Galleywood 4-1.

Rochford Town were in decent Division Two form, winning 5-2 at Ryan FC, and there was an incredible result in Division Three as White Ensign Reserves won 15-0 at Leytonstone United.

## Brown fury as Blues crash out of FA Cup

**Yeovil Town 1 Southend United 0**  
Emirates FA Cup 1st Round

By Rowland Lyons at Huish Park  
SOUTHEND fell at the first hurdle of the world's oldest cup competition on Saturday after Otis Khan's first-half spot-kick was enough to send League Two strugglers Yeovil through to the next round.

Having done so well to end Walsall's unbeaten home record, the previous weekend, the unchanged visitors were surprisingly lacklustre in a first half which saw them rarely stretch the home defence, with Anthony Wordsworth going closest on 15 minutes with a rising drive.

The Glovers seized the initiative and after several close shaves, including surviving a 22nd minute penalty appeal, the Blues' luck ran out on 29 minutes when Ryan Leonard's foul on Simon Surridge, saw the referee point to the spot.

Khan confidently stepped up and netted with a powerful drive that saw keeper Matt Oxley beaten, despite diving the right way.

Yeovil kept up the pressure, as Southend were clearly lacking in ideas, with the towering, well-placed Mugabi wasting an excellent 40th minute chance, heading wide.

Blues boss Phil Brown rang the changes soon after the interval, with Nile Ranger, Stephen McLaughlin and, eventually, Jermaine McGlashan entering the fray.

After Mugabi went close for the Glovers soon after the restart, forcing a fine Oxley catch, Simon Cox and Jason Demetriou had the best chances to level the tie, on 58 minutes, but Artur Krysiak made a smart, double save.

The Blues piled on the pressure and thought they had gained a replay with five minutes remaining but Cox, who appeared to get the final touch to a lofted clearance, was penalised for a foul on Krysiak.

Despite throwing the proverbial kitchen sink at the hosts, with John White, McLaughlin and Ranger seeing efforts thwarted, it was Yeovil on the break who wasted a late chance,

with Rhys Browne failing to hit the target with only Oxley to beat.

Brown admitted: "It looked to me like the players could stroll through the game. We didn't turn up in the first-half. We didn't show enough respect. I did, they didn't."

"I knew Darren's team would be an up and at 'em team, in a feisty encounter. We didn't stand up to it."

Brown revealed: "We trained one hundred per cent during the week, but what goes into the players' ears is up to them. I thought about making three changes at the break, but I decided to give them a chance. No one today deserved to keep the shirt."

"The annoying thing is when your team doesn't turn up. There's a fundamental flaw in one or two of the characters in the dressing room - and I'll have to make changes."

Opposing boss Darren Way added: "Our organisation was very disciplined today and we were very compact. And, when we broke, I thought we could have

had three or four goals today."

Southend's Demetriou admitted: "We were disjointed in the first-half, but better after the break. Fair play to Yeovil - they deserved the win."

The Cypriot international claimed: "Our league form is up there and the only positive from today is that we can learn from this. We believe in ourselves and we're getting there after a slow start."

**Yeovil Town:** Artur Krysiak, Thomas James, Matthew Worthington, Bevis Mugabi, Nathan Smith, Otis Khan, Jake Gray (Olefe Santos-D'Abadia 83), James Bailey (capt), Omar Sowunmi, Sam Surridge, Rhys Browne, Subs: Keaton Davies, Connor Smith, Ryan Dickson, Sid Nelson, Tommy Scott.

**Southend United:** Mark Oxley, Jason Demetriou, Anton Ferdinand (capt), John White, Michael Timlin, Josh Wright (Jermaine McGlashan 76), Anthony Wordsworth (Stephen McLaughlin 55), Ryan Leonard, Michael Kightly, Simon Cox, Marc-Antoine Fortune (Nile Ranger 51), Subs: Michael Turner, Nathan Bishop, Theo Robinson.

**Referee:** Craig Hicks  
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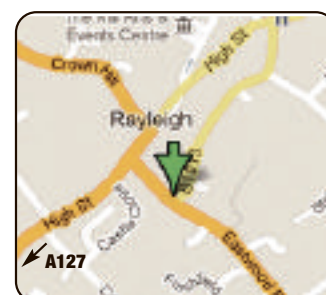
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